## IN THE CLAIMS

## 1-62. (Cancelled)

63. (Currently Amended) A method of forming particles, comprising: accelerating a first stream comprising a first liquid; vibrating the first stream, to form particles; and solidifying the particles; wherein the accelerating comprises contacting the first stream with a second stream.

## 64-66. (Cancelled)

- 67. (Previously presented) The method of claim 63, wherein the particles comprise a pharmaceutical composition.
- 68. (Previously presented) The method of claim 73, wherein the core comprises a pharmaceutical composition.
- 69. (Currently amended) The method of claim 63, wherein the accelerating comprises contacting the first stream with a second stream, and the second stream comprises a second liquid.
- 70. (Previously presented) The method of claim 69, wherein the second stream surrounds the first stream
- 71. (Cancelled).
- (Currently amended) The method of claim 63 74, wherein
   a the second stream eemprising comprises a second liquid and surrounds the first stream, and

the accelerating further comprises accelerating the second stream.

73. (Previously presented) The method of claim 72, wherein the particles comprise a core and a shell.

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74. (Previously presented) The method of claim 73, wherein the particles comprise a plurality of shells.

- 75. (Previously presented) The method of claim 63, further comprising forming the first stream by passing the first liquid through a nozzle.
- 76. (Previously presented) The method of claim 75, wherein the nozzle has a diameter greater than 1/2 an average diameter of the particles.
- 77. (Previously presented) The method of claim 76, wherein the nozzle has a diameter at least the average diameter of the particles.
- 78. (Previously presented) The method of claim 63, wherein the particles have an average diameter of at most 100 μm.
- (Previously presented) The method of claim 63, wherein the particles have an average diameter of at most 50 μm.
- 80. (Previously presented) The method of claim 79, wherein the particles have an average diameter of 10 nm to 50 µm.
- 81. (Previously presented) The method of claim 79, wherein the particles have an average diameter of 1  $\mu$ m to 50  $\mu$ m.
- 82. (Previously presented) The method of claim 63, wherein the particles have an average diameter of 50 to  $100 \mu m$ , and 90% of the particles have a diameter that is within 2% of an average diameter of the particles.
- 83. (Previously presented) The method of claim 63, wherein the particles have an average diameter of 1 to 50 µm, and 90% of the particles have a diameter that is within 1 µm of an average diameter of the particles.
- 84. (Previously presented) The method of claim 63, wherein the accelerating is a step for accelerating the first stream, and the vibrating is a step for vibrating the first stream.

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## 85-91. (Cancelled)

- 92. (Previously presented) Particles, prepared by the method of claim 82.
- 93. (Previously presented) Particles, prepared by the method of claim 83.
- (Previously presented) A method of forming particles, comprising: accelerating a first stream comprising a first liquid; and vibrating the first stream, to form particles;

wherein the accelerating comprises contacting the first stream with a second stream, and the second stream comprises a second liquid.

- 95. (Previously presented) The method of claim 94, wherein the second stream surrounds the first stream.
- 96. (Previously presented) The method of claim 94, wherein the particles comprise a core and a shell.
- 97. (Previously presented) The method of claim 96, wherein the core comprises a liquid.
- 98. (Previously presented) The method of claim 97, wherein the particles comprise a plurality of shells.
- 99. (Previously presented) The method of claim 96, wherein the particles comprise a plurality of shells.
- 100. (Previously presented) The method of claim 94, further comprising forming the first stream by passing the first liquid through a nozzle.
- 101. (Previously presented) The method of claim 73, wherein the core comprises a liquid.
- 102. (Previously presented) The method of claim 101, wherein the particles comprise a plurality of shells.
- (New) A method of forming particles, comprising:
   accelerating a first stream comprising a first liquid:

vibrating the first stream, to form particles; and solidifying the particles;

wherein the particles comprise a pharmaceutical composition.